

LPCO Board and Convention Committee:

I, and others, recently reviewed the draft convention schedule posted on the LPCO website with great concern and met to discuss and prepare a revised agenda that we intend upon moving from the floor. This is sent to you in advance for two reasons. First, we hope that you will review and revise the posted schedule accordingly avoiding the need for any floor debate, or alternatively, if debate must occur, you are not blindsided. The revised agenda is in tab two of the attached spreadsheet.

Therefore, attached please find a proposed business agenda and our standard convention standing rules (several minor changes were made for clarity). Our revisions are limited to a business agenda as that is all that is required to take place at convention.

The changes made comprise the following:

1. Adding required items of business proceedings such as opening the convention and adjournment sine die, credentialling reports, adoption of agenda, appointment of convention officials, adoption of convention standing rules, election of the national platform committee representative and alternates, and election of the style and judicial committee members if those items are passed by the delegates. These are necessary. The credentialling committee hopefully is making the appropriate check-in and check-out processes for Saturday and Sunday as has been done in years past.
2. Moving non-business items that are not reasonably scheduled to take place first thing in the morning while people are finishing up credentialling to the non-business rooms. **Business time and the convention floor should be for convention business.** One particularly objectionable session was the promotion of a philosophical agenda piece (Mr. Hayman's obsession with "plain language") to the delegates right before such issues would be up for debate in the Bylaws proposals. This is a flagrant and unethical abuse of power to set an agenda that salts the soup in favour of a pre-determined outcome.
3. Adding needed Delegate breaks without counting them against committee time.
4. Adding additional business time as there was not nearly enough allotted for the two actual business committee reports along with member submissions which were also omitted. I hope that was an oversight and not intentional. Per our bylaws and RONR, member submissions have the same precedence and are due the same consideration as the official committee reports. I will be sending a proposed ordering in accordance with RONR to hear the mixture of the official committee proposals and member proposals for both committees.
5. Splitting business between the two days is not necessary nor desirable as this results in inconsistency and discontinuity as two different sets of delegates are dealing with one or two documents with many of them not having the benefit of the prior or subsequent discussions.

This is our good faith attempt to discuss and fix this so as not to aggravate delegates with having to create a workable agenda on the floor and waste their time. Perhaps a short meeting can be arranged to reach an agreement.

Also, Beatriz had promised to let Linda do a mock RCV election on the alphabet soup agencies, and I see that is not provided for. I would suggest her handing out ballots all day Saturday and do a presentation during cocktail hour with the results.

Caryn Ann Harlos and other concerned members

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